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The Train Dispatcher, His Work and Responsibilities.

Great cares almost universally hasten nature in heaping up the appearance of age. Young men suddenly falling heirs to great responsibilities soon become prematurely old, and not a few have lost their identity, even to their nearest friends, beneath the weight of care suddenly imposed upon them. Men rushing through life with the burdens and responsibilities of ordinary mortals on their shoulders, little appreciate the terribly heavy burdens borne by men upon whose shoulders have been laid the lives of hundreds of people and millions of dollars of property.

"Yes, sir, I don't mind telling you why it is," answered the conductor of one of the accommodation trains running out of the city, in response to a reporter's inquiry as to why his hair was streaked with gray, while his face indicated a young man scarcely over thirty. "Many have asked me if I had not at some period of my life been the victim of some sudden and awful calamity. You have read, of course, of hair turning gray in a single night through fright. Mine was not caused that way. Was I born that way? Oh, no; at twenty my hair was as black as a coal. Those streaks of gray were caused by my three or four years' experience as a train dispatcher on a great trunk line running out of Chicago.

"People who climb on a passenger train when she is two or three hours late little imagine what endless planning and management it takes to get her through safely. Let a freight get behind time and we can handle her by running her on another train's time; but a passenger breaks up everything on the road. A train dispatcher must be familiar with every circumstance and every possible combination of circumstances. He must know on just what portions of the road fast time can be made, and give orders accordingly. He must never give an order for certain time to be made unless he is positively certain that the grade and condition of the weather will permit of such time being made. To-day I may order a train to run from station A to station B, and another for a train to run from B to A, when the same order to-morrow would precipitate a collision. You have got to know all the men on the line. Why, on the road that I worked on there would be engineers and conductors that could never get a train through on time. Then there would be others that would never be late except in case of accident. Why, sometimes during my eight hours of duty I would give 250 train orders. Just think of that a moment. Here is a passenger train four hours late and a freight side-tracked at almost every station. Of course that puts every train behind time. First I have to order the operator to put out his flag and hold the train for orders, and then I have to send the order and wait for it to be repeated back. At the same time a train may be passing a station five miles away, where I want to hold and side-track her. All this time I must not only keep a clear track for the passenger train, but must unnecessarily detain the freight. Sometimes right in the middle of a rush of business like this the wire will break or some operator will leave his key open. Then everything is to pay. Fortunately the train dispatcher's order is the law. Every employee is bound to obey it. So we do not have to worry about that.

"Did I ever have an accident? No; but I've come mighty near it. Once I left the office by permission in care of my assistant, and when I returned I found that he had two trains running toward each other on a single track, and only a station between them. Fortunately, I got a message to the station in time to flag the first train that got there, but if one of them had happened to have passed there would have been a fearful accident. It was a very natural mistake. My assistant had been with me two years. He had everything side-tracked all right, but had forgotten the 'unwritten law' of the road prohibiting two trains passing on a single track. On

another occasion I lost a train."

"Lost a train?"
"Yes, sir, lost it completely. It was a local freight, and was a little late. It left F— twenty minutes behind time, and was due at M— in forty minutes, where it was ordered to side-track for No. 3, a fast express. F— and M— were eleven miles apart, and No. 3 could not leave F— until the local was reported side-tracked at M—. Well, I waited an hour, and then called M—, who had the message for the local, and asked him where the freight was. He didn't know. In the meantime the express was at F—, and the passengers were getting mail. Thirty minutes more and still no train. Then I ordered No. 3 to run cautiously to M—. She did so, but found no local. To say that we were paralyzed is putting it mildly. Ten minutes later W—, a little station near the city, reported the local there. She had got by M— in some way without disturbing the operator. Disgones never hunted so diligently for an honest man in the degenerate days in which he lived as did we for that train."

"Why did you leave the business?"
"Because I was growing a year older every week. I had the work of ten men upon my shoulders. You often hear about the brave engineer clinging with firm resolve and calm resignation to the throttle while the engine is plunging on toward inevitable destruction. His responsibility is nothing. He has only a single train, and has no duty but to obey rules. The train dispatcher has a hundred trains under his finger that presses upon the key. A moment's delay to a passenger train, a trifling accident to a freight, and the dispatcher is cursed. The eight hours you put in bending over your key seems like a week. Your head swims and grows dizzy beneath its awful responsibility. No more train dispatching for me if you please. I was offered that position on this road with a comfortable salary, but told them all I wanted was a train. All those gray hairs that you notice were caused by my short experience as train dispatcher."

[Cleveland Herald.]
Henry Clay once owned the lot opposite the White House, in Washington, and Commodore John Rogers wanted it, but the old whig persistently refused to dispose of it. On his return from the Mediterranean the Commodore brought in one of his vessels a fine Andalusian jackass, which Clay wanted for his Kentucky stock farm. All his offers were rejected, until one day the Commodore said: "You can have him for your lot opposite the White House." "Doubt," was Clay's reply, and the animal was shipped off to Kentucky. The Commodore built the now historic house which Secretary Seward occupied during the war. Here Payue endeavored to assassinate him on the night when President Lincoln was shot. The lot is now valued at \$40,000.

PARNELL'S PEACHTREE BROTH.—John H. Parnell, a brother of the famous Irish leader of that name, owns the largest peach farm in the world. It is situated about six miles below West Point. There are 125,000 peach trees in it, besides a large number of other kinds of fruit trees. They cover 700 acres. Mr. Parnell has planted 500 acres of young trees this year, and reports his business a paying one. This year's crop will be tolerably good, notwithstanding the freezes.—[Savannah News.]

Wm. T. Dodson, of Danville, Va., hired two colored men to bring him a human body for dissection, which he placed in his own room wrapped in bad clothing well saturated with coal oil, with a lighted candle standing up it. Then he disappeared, expecting that the body would be burned beyond recognition and under the supposition that he had been burned to death, his family could collect the amount of a life insurance policy recently obtained. The scheme failed.

A HORRIBLE SKIN.—The most hopeful indication of a democratic success in 1884 is the frequent mention of Jno. A. Logan by the republicans as a great strong man. If Logan is strong, then the strength of the party must be, in the language of Ueche Romus, "pow'ful lackin'."—[St. Louis Post-Dispatch.]

A man up town made a wager with a lady that he could thread a needle quicker than she could sharpen a lead pencil. The man won. Time, fourteen minutes and forty seconds. It is thought the result would have been different if the lady had not run out of lead pencil inside of five minutes.

The Jones Beckner Row.

To-day I got at the true inwardness of the row between Colonel Thomas Laurens Jones and Judge Beckner. It seems that Beckner in conversation with a friend said that Col. Jones was a fossil—in fact, an ichthyosaurus, and needed to be sealed with a fish knife, and soaked for six months in St. Jacob's oil before he could get the stiffness out of him, and become available for any purpose compatible with the needs of modern civilization. Of course, the good natured friend told this to Col. Jones, who was greatly incensed at the gratuitous insult, and remarked in his most sarcastic manner that Bill Beckner was a pachyderm. This epithet came to Beckner's ears, and so these two great and good men became as "sweet bells jangled out of tune."

They are reconciled now, after a fashion. It came about in this wise. There was much feinting and some countering before their Christian impulses brought them together. When at last they stood face to face, and gazed down into the depths of each others' hearts, the colonel demanded to know why the judge had said such horrid things about him. The dark browed railroad commissioner haughtily informed the colonel that he "never could abear" a man who dressed in broadcloth on week days, slept with kid gloves on his hands, and frizzed his Hyperion locks with a curling iron. At this bold declaration, the colonel started with surprise. Then, in tones whose freezing dignity was half thawed by unshed tears, he wended up to the broadcloth and kid gloves; said he had been raised that way, and could not forsake the habits of a gentleman; but as to the curling irons, he had not touched one for many days. "And if elected to preside over the people of this grand old commonwealth," said he, "I will never—ahem!—hardly ever—" here Beckner fell upon his knees and implored him to say no more and all would be forgiven. With a glad cry the colonel opened his arms and the railroad commissioner of Kentucky buried his head upon his manly bosom and stained his snowy shirt front with his chalybeate tears. I am told there was not a dry eye in the house, and Bro. Beckner was unusually fervent at the next Wednesday night prayer meeting.—[Lex. Cor. Cincinnati News.]

Jefferson Davis' estate of 500 acres at Beauvoir, Miss., is now mainly devoted to grapes and oranges. He told a recent caller that the neighborhood was equal to anything in Florida in natural advantages for winter resort. He mentioned several points on Mississippi Sound as affording rare chances for capitalists to make money by erecting hotels.

A Paris lady called on her milliner the other day regarding the character of a servant. The respectable appearance of the latter was beyond questioning. "But is she honest?" asked the lady. "I am not so certain about that," replied the milliner. "I have sent her to you with my bill a dozen times and she has never given me the money."

A horrible discovery is said to have been made by the Old Testament reviewers. The word "rib" in the second chapter of Genesis, used in describing the creation of Eve, ought more correctly to be rendered "tail." This is, indeed, confirmation strong of the theories of Darwin.

The largest railroad depot in the world is being built at Birmingham, England, at a cost of \$1,250,000. It will cover a total area of 45,000 square yards, or over eleven acres, and will have three platforms, each 1,000 feet long.

One great unpleasantness attending a man's getting married is his utter insignificance on the occasion. The bride is the object of attention, as the star performer of the show, and he is regarded merely as necessary property.

A Pennsylvania Protectionist was astonished the other day when he heard the preacher announce from the pulpit that salvation is free. He wrote at once to his Congressman to know why he let it be put on the free list.

The spring crop of railroad maps shows such a network of branching and intersecting lines that there does not seem to be any room in the country for agricultural operations except between the ties.

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THE FLY.
The fly is a domestic animal. He is generally found near the molasses can. The fly is a harmless animal not being furnished with as good weapons of defense as the Hornet. They say that flies drink. I have never seen flies that were worse off for liquors but I have seen liquors worse off for flies.

THE HORNET.
The Hornet is a red-hot child of nature he is always ready for action at any time of the day or night, if a person or animal comes within twenty feet of him he lets his javlin fly what would it pay a man to kill 99 hornets and let the 100th one but him with his javlin. A sensible person never goes within five miles of a hornet's nest. My advice is to keep clear of a Hornet as he is too sociable.—[Frankfort Yeoman.]

"Blessings," exclaimed Sancho, "on him that first invented sleep. It wraps a man all around like a cloak." It is a delicious moment certainly—that of being well nestled in bed, and feeling that you shall drop gently to sleep. The good is to come, not past; the limbs have been just tired enough to render the remaining in one posture delightful; the labor of the day is done. A gentle failure of the perceptions come creeping over one—the spirit of consciousness disengages itself more and more, with slow and hushing degrees, like a mother detaching her hand from that of her sleeping child; the mind seems to have a balmy lid closing over it like the eye; its closing—its more closing—its closed. The mysterious spirit has gone to make its airy rounds.—[Light Hunt.]

Mr. George F. Edmunds, decidedly the most conspicuous of all the candidates the republicans have hopes or fears of, says that he will not be a candidate. Still he has the "bee in his bonnet." It hums as yet and does not sting. Mr. Edmunds would like to be President, but he is not anxious to run next year. He is a hard-headed person, with no fondness for forlorn hopes. He sees it is a very bad time for bees, and he is pachydermatous enough not to be stung, although he must listen to the humming. Mr. Edmunds keeps his head plumb.—[N. Y. Sun.]

Little Johnny had been to church and heard a very obese person. On the way home he remarked:

"What a awful stomach that preacher had! Didn't seem right, though, for him to get off that joke."
"What joke?" interposed his father.
"Why, don't you know," returned Johnny, "when he put his hands down on the part where his vest stuck out all said, 'Mau wants but little here below.'"
[N. O. Times-Democrat.]

The Mugby Junction tea party is a device of Massachusetts invention for yielding fun and money for churches. Baskets containing supper for two persons are sold by auction, each bearing the card of the woman who prepared the meal inclosed and the purchaser has her for a companion at table.

Many farmers who secure for themselves all the labor saving improvements are slow in arranging similar helps for their wives. This is neither gallant nor fair.

A Tennessee schoolmaster kissed the girls as a punishment and before the term was out he had women of forty-five joining the school.—[Boston Post.]

The sunshine of spring is beautiful, except when it rests upon the napless gloss of a well-worn broadcloth coat.—[N. O. Picayune.]

A horse thief in a western prison complains bitterly that the chaplain is a Presbyterian, while he was brought up a Methodist.

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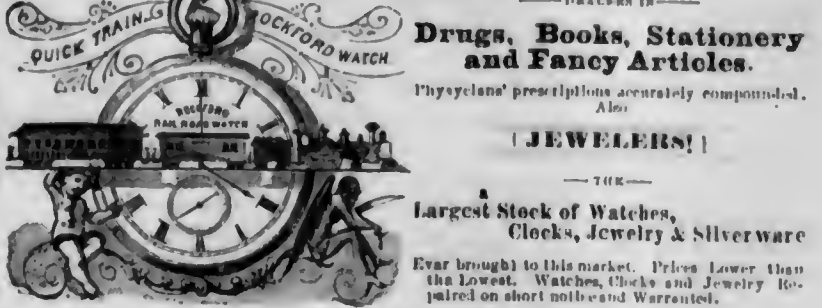
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The disgusting efforts of the Court to manufacture public sentiment for Thompson in the terrible tragedy of Friday last, is having the contrary effect here and elsewhere. It has put sensible men to thinking, why, if he is guilty of no crime should these strenuous efforts be put forth to make it appear so before a legal investigation has been had? Looking at the matter even from Mr. Thompson's remarkable statement, there appears too much of a cut and dried arrangement all through. The unfortunate affair occurred last November, and Mr. T. acknowledges that he was informed of at least a part of the circumstances. Then was the time for him to come home and if after a thorough investigation he had found the worse true, and had played the author of his wife's disgrace, there would have been found no man in Kentucky but who would have applauded the act. But he waits two months after Congress adjourns, spends a time in New York and then comes home where he remains a day or two near Davis and when as he, after avowing his innocence, leaves no doubt to avoid trouble, he is followed up and shot dead as he retreats from his slayer, who is in company with two trusted friends. Then the scene in court, when Thompson delivers himself of a speech unlike what would be expected from one in his frame of mind and the unjustifiable act of Judge Hardin in extending sympathy and allowing bail under such circumstances, all look on the surface as prearranged and premeditated. This, we say, is the way the matter looks to the unbiased and unprejudiced, and yet we think we know Mr. Thompson, for whom we have always entertained friendship and regard well enough to believe that he would not take the blood of his fellow-man unless he was thoroughly convinced in his own mind that he deserved death. Under such conviction we can readily see how he could have done any thing to avenge the dishonor and disgrace heaped on him and his act would, according to the unwritten law, be both justifiable and commendatory. But taking all the facts as they appear we think that when the matter is thoroughly investigated it will be shown that Mr. Thompson is the victim of a designing woman and that his wife has been guilty of no sin further than that of intoxication and its consequent indiscretions. We can't conceive how a man of any intelligence could have acted as Davis is charged, when he well knew that his life alone would pay the forfeit of his damning crime.

GEN. GREEN B. RAUM, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, after a service of six years and nine months has resigned, giving as a reason that the responsibilities of the office are out of proportion to the salary. Other reasons are however, hinted. One is that he is not getting along very well with the administration, and another is that he wishes to act as attorney for the tobacco and whisky men, out of whom he sees a chance to make a fortune. Ex-Congressman Julius C. Burrows will probably succeed him.

COL. E. POLK JOHNSON, the noblest Roman of them all, has withdrawn from the race for Lt. Governor and in his card expressed his mind freely as to the self-appointed bosses in Louisville, who wish to sacrifice him in the interest of Mr. Jacob for Governor. If the Convention would nominate Col. Johnson now in spite of his withdrawal, it would be a credit to the body and a compliment to a deserving man, but modest merit is seldom appreciated in these days of scramble for office.

The appointment of Keim, a Grant-Cameron toady to be Chief Examiner for the Civil Service Commission is generally condemned by the press. The New York Sun says: "The selection is evidence that the Commission, instead of being a non-partisan body, is likely to degenerate into a component part of the great republican machine, operated for the sole purpose of putting republicans into office, fit or unfit, and keeping them there forever."

In speaking of the Crittenden trial the Louisville Democrat says that "the jury that brought in that verdict ought to be branded—those that voted against conviction. The result is a deep disgrace upon this community and upon the fame of the State. It seems to us that the grand jury should investigate the conduct of that 'hung jury' and ascertain what 'hung' them."

THAT the law's delay is the criminal's safest way to escape punishment is fully demonstrated by the case of Charles F. Kring, who eight years ago cowardly and cruelly murdered in St. Louis a virtuous wife, Mrs. Dora Broemer, with whom he fell desperately in love, because she refused to elope with him. Since the deed, he has been confined in jail but on Friday he was admitted to bail in the sum of \$3,000, because of the doubt of the State being able to convict him, as most of her witnesses have died or disappeared. There have been six trials of the case. Twice he was convicted and sentenced to be hung, the Court of Appeals reversing the judgment each time, but waiting in the second conviction till all the preparations were made for his execution, only announcing their decision twelve hours before it was to occur. Then followed two trials in which there were hung juries. The next time he pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree but when he found the jury had given him twenty-five years in the penitentiary he withdrew his plea, just in time to escape punishment. At the sixth and last trial he was again sentenced to be hung but his counsel carried the case to the Supreme Court of the U. S. which reversed it on a peculiar legal point. Thus has his shrewd attorneys won the case out and the four times convicted murderer is free again with no prospect of suffering further for his diabolical deed. Next to a soft-hearted governor to pardon, the law's delay is the surest chance for a law breaker, which fact they all seem to appreciate.

WILLIAM MACDUFF, a stock-broker in New York, "laid on" the other night and damned it he cried "Hold enough," until he had killed his wife, his son and himself. An unfortunate speculation had unsettled his mind.

THE Covington Commonwealth calls Attorney General Nuckols a military dude, and says he ought to be retired. We don't know so much about the first but we heartily approve of the latter proposition.

THE Louisville Law School has just turned out 21 graduates to steel or starve to death unless there is a boom in litigation.

NOTES OF CURRENT EVENTS.

—Failures last week 182.
—Four inches of snow fell in Quebec, Friday.
—Another lighting at the expense of the Neal and Craft trials shows that they have already cost \$14,953.81.

—The contract for building the new Opera-House in Frankfort, has been let to a Chicago firm for \$19,945.
—The New York Legislature has passed a bill retiring school teachers on half pay upon reaching the age of 70 years.

—The killed and wounded by the Mississippi tornado are figured up by the New Orleans Times-Democrat. Killed, 193; wounded, 338.

—The trial of Fagan, for the murder of Secretary Burke in Phoenix Park, resulted in a verdict of guilty. He will be hanged on May 28th.

—Chancellor Edwards, of Louisville, has decided that the license fee of \$100 for selling goods by sample in that city is valid and constitutional.

—The Cincinnati News appeared yesterday as the News-Journal, having bought out the Morning Journal, a penny paper of republican proclivities.

—Frankie, who killed his partner Clark, at Williamstown, was held for murder and refused bail. He was sent to the Covington jail for safe keeping.

—Louisa B. Stephens is the first woman to become President of a bank. She succeeds her late husband in the First National Bank of Marion, Iowa.

—George Ware, who murdered a boy named Robert Bethune at Muscle Shoals last week, was taken from the jail at Florence, Ala., Saturday and hanged.

—Hon. W. C. Owens, ex-Speaker of the Kentucky House of Representatives, was Saturday renominated for the Legislature by the Democrats of Scott county.

—The Court of Appeals recently decided that the compensation and wages earned by a married woman were free from the claims and control of her husband.

—Predicted conventions were held in Shelby county Saturday, when Knott received 20 votes and Jones two. The story that Davis to be Knott's Secretary of State must be true.

—On Friday Henry Deboynay was hanged for the murder of his wife, in Elizabeth, N. J. He sold his body for \$15 to a physician. He examined the scaffold critically and suggested that the rope be soaped.

—Congressman John D. White's bride is spoken of by those who know her as a young lady of intelligence, but not especially remarkable for personal attraction. Her marriage, however, retards the first ascension.

—The Kentucky Court of Appeals has decided that Magistrates are entitled to \$2 per day and not \$2 for each criminal case they examine. They will, however, get around that mighty easy by examining one case a day.

—Gen. Raum is of the opinion that the reduction of the tax on tobacco will be of but small benefit to consumers owing to the advanced cost of the raw material and the demand for increased wages on the part of the workmen.

—The Wayne county democrats have instructed for Owsley, for Governor; Hindman, for Lt. Governor; Hardin, for Attorney General; Hewitt, for Auditor; Tate, for Treasurer; Smith, for Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Corbett, for Register.

—The Supreme Court of the United States decides that the United States is not a preferred creditor of a National bank that has failed owing it money, and that it must come in with other creditors and take its share of the assets.

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—The city of Richmond, Va., is overrun by a body of daring thieves whose repeated depredations have caused the citizens to arm themselves to protect their homes and property. Timid ladies fear to remain alone in their homes, and in excess of illness several fatal results have followed from fright.

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—Jas. Minor sold to a gentleman from Cleveland, O., a good bay gelding for \$250. Whitefield & Harris sold on Saturday to Henry Dunn, of Garrard county, a pair of gray mare mules 16 hands high for \$250. Thos. E. Wood on Saturday sold to Rich'd Cobb, 13 long 2-year old 000 lb. cattle at \$50 per head.

—Quite a number of Danville people will visit the Danville Festival at Cincinnati this week. Among them Miss Annie McAlister, Miss Mary Dunlap, Miss Sallie Cook, Mrs. Geo. Welsh, Miss Mattie Gentry, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Cecil, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Caldwell, Dr. Fayette Dunlap, Mr. Boyle & Rhodes, Mr. Andrew Whitely, Mr. R. M. Durham, Mr. Henry Evans, Mr. Jno. Fleece, Mr. Wm. Welsh, and Mr. W. W. Wiseman.

—The meeting which has been in progress at the Baptist church for about ten days will close Tuesday night. There have been 29 additions up to the present time. After the close of the meeting Rev. T. P. Hale, the pastor of the Church will go to Waco, Texas, where he will remain until the 1st of June, when he will return to Danville and take up his residence permanently. He is very popular with his congregation and much liked by all who have made his acquaintance.

—Mr. Robert Taylor, a pettifogging young gentleman of African descent, who has been into every species of devilment that he could get into conveniently, last week shot and killed John Robinson in the head, and almost killed him. Bob dodged the officers until Saturday, when he was run in and kept until this morning, when he was sent to the work-house. Yesterday morning he wrote his old mistress a very pathetic note asking her to let him be released from jail. But old mistress has become tired of Bob's promises of reform and refused to interfere, so Bob cracks rock.

—The young gentlemen of Danville, gave a hop at the Central Hotel, Friday night, which was a very pleasant affair and was attended by the following named ladies and gentlemen: Misses Susie Hayden, Harrodsburg, Nannie and Sophie Bright, Maudie Metcalfe, Mattie Kenney, Berlie Swelin, Sallie Cook, Mattie and Lulu Duke, Messrs. W. P. Gentry, H. H. Evans, J. W. Gentry, Jr., B. G. Evans, W. H. Robinson, E. R. Hundley, W. W. Wiseman, Messrs. Owens and Coles, W. D. Moore, Harry Moore, Gill Boyle, Mrs. G. H. Doherty, Mrs. J. S. Warren and several other ladies were present a part of the time as spectators.

—There was a heavy frost Sunday night. A foreman on the K. C. & O. R. R. had his head lacerated considerably by a convict last week.

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—Huston Odom who has been on a protracted drunk for two weeks, was placed in jail Saturday. He had become perfectly wild and attacked several persons with rocks and sticks and at last tried to kill himself by laying across the railroad track in front of a moving car.

—An accident below Livingston last Friday caused the train to be delayed two hours, consequently the people along the railroad did not get in at the opening of the show. The evening train waited until after 4 o'clock in order that the passengers of the morning train might see the concert.

—The following list of marriage licenses have been issued since last report: J. R. Mallin to Candace Barrett; James Hawter to Lucy Hiden; C. A. Millins to Lucy Mallin; James Sprig to Sadie Moore; M. M. Ahney and America Ahney; B. P. Morton to Pattie Proctor; M. J. Durham to Annie E. Pursell.

—Among the visitors at this place I noticed T. R. Walton, B. M. of the Lexington Journal; A. R. Dyche, editor of the Mountain Echo; John Jackson and wife, London; Willis Adams, Jr., and family, Paint Lick; David Thompson, Garrard county; J. D. Hendler, Pine Hill; Miss Helen Conner, Louisville; Mrs. Tullis Greenham and Miss Alice Ward, Livingston and others too numerous to mention.

—The circus came and with it came a set of swindlers and gamblers. The people did not turn out in as large numbers as was expected, only about 500 attended. Almost every one expressed themselves as well pleased with the performance. The swindlers also got in their work here, but not so extensively as they did at some other places. Some of the boys lost as high as \$50, but the majority of losses were from \$5 to \$10.

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